

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, claims 1-29 and 34-40 were pending. Claims 1-9, 15-23 and 29-40 were rejected. Claims 10-14 and 24-28 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

In this response, claims 10 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 11, 13, 15, 25-28, and 34 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected claim 10. Independent claims 15 and 34 have been amended to include substantially all limitations of the objected claim 24. Thus, independent claims 1, 15, and 34 are allowable. The rest of the amended claims have been amended for proper dependency.

The rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims. Thus, all currently pending claims 1-9, 11-23, 25-29, and 34-40 are allowable. While Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's position is correct on the merits, Applicant has sought to obtain the claims which were objected to.

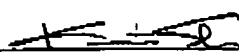
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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